Colorado National Monument



9th-12th Grade Ranger Programs Available for Field Trips:

To make a reservation, or if you have any questions, please call our Education Rangers (970) 858-3617 ext 367.

Biology Option Ecosystems in Echo Canyon (3 miles, 4 hours)

Students will study the ecological systems of Echo Canyon through explorations and hands-on activities. This class will give students field experience testing water and soil quality and comparing the riparian vs. desert habitats in the Monument.

Science 2.2 Ecosystems The size and persistence of populations depend on their interactions with each other and on the abiotic factors in an ecosystem.

Geophysical Science Option Geology in Monument Canyon (6 miles, 4 hours)

As they walk down through the time exploring the different rock layers in Monument Canyon students will discover the geologic history and processes that created this amazing landscape. This is a through hike in Monument Canyon (from the upper to the lower trailhead) with a bus shuttle.

Science 3.1 The history of the universe, solar system and Earth can be inferred from evidence left from past events. **Science 3.5** The interaction of Earth's surface with water, air, gravity, and biological activity causes physical and chemical changes.

Zoology Option

Organisms in No Thoroughfare Canyon (4 miles, 4 hours)

microbes in seasonal pools of water.

Science 2.9 Taxonomy and Animal ID The size and persistence of populations depend on their interactions with each other and on the abiotic factors in an ecosystem.